

Kettler Kapers

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Tomorrow night is the night that the witches ride through the air, the black cats spit, and the ghosts haunt... are you prepared? One good way to meet that situation is to plan to attend the Halloween Carnival at Torrance Elementary School which is sponsored by the PTA with the idea of giving the children something to do that's fun and keeping them off the streets. Of course, they have another reason for doing all that work... they earn some of their money for their child-welfare work.

A really thrilling occasion in the lives of several Kettler girls was last Tuesday evening, when six Brownies from Troop 576

many of her little friends that her accident last June had prevented her from seeing often. We are very happy to report that she returned to school Monday. It's the first day in school since she was knocked from her bike and broke her hip. Of course, she still has to be careful, and won't be able to play on the playground with the other children for another six months, but just going back is enough excitement for a while.

Another social get-together was the one recently hosted by Mrs. Betty Otterstein, of 2098 Middlebrook Rd. She entertained neighbors Iris Duncan, Eula Ely, Winona Haani, Rosalie Dean, Lucille Jonsrud and Jerry Sandberg, Mrs. Phyllis Peterson, and Mrs. Avis Peterson of Los Angeles were also among the guests, as were Mary Morter, and Sarah Gordon of Lomita. After several games to help everyone get acquainted, Betty served pumpkin pie and coffee.

Hi neighbor! This greeting of welcome goes to Lyle and Joyce Cummings who have bought the Cummings home at 2479 Reynolds Dr. They are originally from Fibber McGee's hometown of Racine, Wis., having moved to Torrance last June. Lyle is in business for himself, driving a Golden Crust Bakery truck. They are the proud parents of one son, curly-headed Kenny, who is three and half. Joyce enjoys reading good books, while Lyle likes baseball. Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jensen, arrived last Thursday to spend the winter here with the young folks. Welcome to the Knolls, folks, and we do hope that you will enjoy living here.

Taken completely by surprise, Virginia Miller of Mainette St. was showered with cards containing money towards a crib mattress for the heir-to-be, at the last regular meeting of the circle headed by Margaret Condon, of the First Baptist Church. The evening went as any other business meeting does, but when it came time to serve refreshments, the hostess for the evening, Mrs. Mavis Greenwood, brought out the bunch of cards, and on each plate were diaper favors. Never suspecting anything like that, Virginia was certainly taken off guard.

Enjoying the lovely fall weather, which they report was ideal the whole time, the Hardesty family consisting of Bill, Eileen, Claudia and Gayle Ann, spent five days at Big Bear last week. They were only going to stay for the week-end, but it was so

and such a pleasant change just to be loafing and relaxing, that they stayed the other three days... while their friends and neighbors around their Huber St. home wondered what had happened to them.

There aren't many birthdays this coming week... but we'd sure like to wish John Hampton of 236th St., a very happy one on the first of November; Sally Edeberg the same on the third, and to Bob Pooler best wishes on the fifth. Al and Beulah Fredrickson of Reynosa Dr. celebrate their wedding anniversary the fourth, so here's our best wishes for them too.

State Veterans To Continue On 3 Per Cent Loan

The interest rate paid by California veterans who finance farms and homes on the state's low-interest purchase plan will continue at 3 per cent for another year, chairman Lawrence W. Carr of the California Veterans Board announced yesterday.

He said the 3 per cent rate, unchanged since 1946, has been extended by the board to September, 1953. Under state law the public board reviews and resets the interest charge once a year. It can be set no higher than 4 per cent and no lower than 2 1/2 per cent.

The interest figures apply to some 38,000 long-term contracts held by California war veterans who are financing farms and homes through the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans born in California and those who enter service from the state can borrow up to \$8500 for home purchases and up to \$15,000 for farm financing under their state entitlements.

Carr said the board reaffirmed the 3 per cent charge on "Cal-Vet" contracts after studying recommendations from the department and from private auditing firms. Their reports agreed the 3 per cent figure is providing sufficient funds to pay operating costs and meet charges on the bonds which support the farm and home program.

"One of the main considerations in carrying on a 3 per cent rate is the low interest cost borne by the state on its issues of California Veterans Bonds," Carr commented. He added:

"The average interest cost is

Barber Shop Quartet Group Meets Tonight

Local members of the SPEBSQSA, Torrance branch of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, will meet at the Bettie Thomas Studios, 1215 Crenshaw Blvd., tonight with their ladies for a varied program of singing and skits.

The group, which was organized here more than a year ago, now boasts a chorus of more than 30 voices. Also included in the club are several quartets, among them, the Deacons, a group which has entered several SPEBSQSA contests throughout the state.

Tonight's "Ladies' Night" program will be geared to Halloween with doughnuts and cider filling the refreshment bill of fare.

Developer Tells Council State To Spend \$890,000 On 174th St.

Information that the State was planning to spend about \$890,000 improving 174th St. from Hawthorne Blvd. to Normandie Ave. was passed on to the City Council Tuesday night in a letter from the Property Management Corp., developers of property along the street.

Controversy over the installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along the property developed by Property Management has marked meetings of the City Council for more than a year. The improvements along the street were not put in by the subdivider because 174th St. is a state highway, specifically State Highway Route No. 175.

Homer W. Bales, president of Property Management, recently visited the office of J. W. Vickrey, assistant state highway engineer, planning in Sacramento, the Council was told.

The letter said Vickrey had informed the developer that the funds to improve the street were being requested this month.

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Halloween is definitely in the air... Mrs. Miriam Wassenberg at Middlebrook Rd. recently entertained a group of her neighbors at a "gab-fest," as she called it, and a more or less Halloween get-together. The house was decorated in the motif of the season, with orange and black candies, and pumpkin pie and coffee for refreshments.

With the den all decorated in orange and black, sporting black cats, witches and ghosts, Doreen Elliott, 1774 Santa Fe, entertained 14 of her friends from school and Sunday School, on the occasion of her eleventh birthday. Each guest wore a costume, and games were played both inside and out. Even the cake was in the shape of a pumpkin, with orange frosting, and a big grinning face, and the favors were apples with facial features of candies. There was the usual, beautifully decorated cake in the traditional birthday manner, that was accompanied by ice cream and punch. Doreen was a delighted little girl, with all her lovely gifts, and the chance to see

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